

Amendments to the Specification:

Please add a new paragraph beginning at page 1, line 1 as follows:

(New) This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application 10/258,121 filed October 21, 2002.

Please amend the Abstract of the disclosure as shown below:

~~The invention relates to a~~ A pod unit comprising including a pod housing (1) and an assembly unit (6), a so called seating, for the pod housing (1), wherein the seating (6) comprises has a lower portion (6A) and an upper portion (6F) as well as a base (15) for the installation of ~~said~~ the pod housing (1) which comprises a lower casing portion (1A) for the accommodation of a propulsion unit (2, 3, 4), an intermediate portion (1B) comprising air ducts (9, 10), and an upper portion (13), which is fixedly connected to a steering engine (14, 18, 19), with a gear ring (14) to be fixed at said base (15). ~~The invention is characterized therein that a~~ A cooling system comprising having at least one fan (7) is mounted within the seating.

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The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 1, 5A and 5B that were implemented in the parent application. These sheets, which include the above mentioned figures replace the original drawing figures 1, 5A and 5B.

Attachment: 3 replacement sheets of drawings.